



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
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At its meeting held March 16, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“A December 2003 audit conducted by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio and Associates of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department budget, revealed that the County seeks reimbursement for only a portion of the services the Department provides to cities. For example, the audit indicates that the County does not charge cities for homicide investigations, narcotics investigations, and gang officers. The audit indicates that the County spends over \$57 million per year for these three services, Countywide, which includes costs to serve unincorporated areas, independent cities, and contract cities.

“The County's decision on what to charge and not charge is primarily based on policy adopted in 1972—over 30 years ago. It is clearly time to revisit the issue.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed County Counsel, with the assistance of the Auditor-Controller, Sheriff and Chief Administrative Officer, to review the December 2003 audit of the Sheriff's Department budget by Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio and Associates, regarding the list of recoverable costs and confirm whether each cost could, in fact, be legally charged to cities;

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2. Instructed the Chief Administrative Officer, with the assistance of the Auditor-Controller and Sheriff, to review Thompson, Cobb, Bazilio and Associates list of recoverable costs and determine approximately what percentage of each of these services is used by contract and independent cities; and
3. Instructed County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board within 30 days with findings.

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